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Subject: Forum on Passaic River Navigation on 7/22

As we talked about on the phone, I am helping New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) organize a forum on commercial navigation in the Passaic River on July 22, 2014 at 1-4pm (the Atrium, University Heights, Newark, NJ). This is to invite you or someone you recommend to serve on the panel to discuss use of the Passaic River's navigation channel now and in the future.

During this public comment period for the Proposed Plan for cleaning up the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River, EPA is particularly interested in receiving comments on the navigational depths proposed for the 2.2 miles closest to Newark Bay (30 feet in the first 1.2 miles, 25 feet in the next 0.5 miles and 20 feet in the next next 0.5 miles) and whether shallower depths might still accommodate reasonably-anticipated future uses, because shallower depths mean less dredging and a less costly cleanup plan. This NJIT forum is meant to foster such written comments by providing information and discussions among experts on navigation in the Passaic River's lower 2.2 miles.

Companies that currently use the navigation channel commercially have also been invited, but it would great to hear from the City of Newark about your plans.

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